(b) to (d) A Scheme of 'Post-Matric Scholarships to the OBC students' is already being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to promote higher education amongst the OBC students at the post-matric/post-secondary levels including Ph. D. degrees etc. These Scholarships are awarded through the State Government/UT Administration and 100% assistance is provided to them, over and above their committed liability, by the Central Government in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Grading of universities and colleges

1360. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to grade universities colleges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) has been set up in 1994 under Section 12CCC of UGC Act, 1956 for assessment and accreditation of Higher Education Institutions in the country. So far, the NAAC has assessed and accredited 131 Universities and 3074 Colleges details with regard to which is available on the website www. naacindia. org.

Setting up of an IIT at Medak, Andhra Pradesh

1361. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S.ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: ,

(a) whether in the light of the proposed location of IIT at Medak, Andhra Pradesh, there has been a mixed reaction with more and more of reservation and objection for such location; and

(b) the parameters or principles in selecting places for location of new IITs and llMs?